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Amend the Law relating to the Drainage and Improvement of Land in Ireland. A.D. 1878.

**W**HEREAS by reason of the absence of many proprietors, as well as the omission of others to sign the necessary assents even in cases where they do not wish to dissent, unnecessary difficulties have been thrown in the way of the formation of elective drainage districts, under the Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act, Ireland, 1863: And whereas it is expedient to remove these and other difficulties in the way of the formation of such districts:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1878. Short title.

2. This Act shall extend to Ireland only.

3. In sub-section one of the sixth section of the said Act of 1863, the period of *one month* shall be substituted for two months as the period within which parties interested are to transmit their objections to schedules and other matters in said sub-section referred to; and in sub-section five of said sixth section of said Act of 1863 the period of *fourteen days* shall be substituted for one month as the period within which objections in writing to the report of inspection or any part thereof may be served on or transmitted by post to Her Majesty Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland. To apply to Ireland only.  
Shortening periods of notice to Act of 1863.

4. In sub-section five of the sixth section of the said Act of 1863 the assents required shall be the assents of the proprietors of a moiety in value of the land in the proposed district, instead of the proprietors of two thirds in value of such land; provided always, that no Provisional Order shall be made under the provisions of

[Bill 227.]

*Amount of assent of proprietors necessary in order to authorize provisional order.*

2 *Drainage and Improvement of Land (Ireland)*. [41 & 42 Vict.]

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— this section in any case in which the proprietors of *one third* part in value of such lands in the said district have expressed in writing their dissent to the report or to the formation of the drainage district.

This Act and  
recited Acts  
construed as  
one Act.

5. The said Act of 1863 and the several Acts amending the same and this Act shall be read together as one Act.